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In line NATO discussion and US policy, action posts should where necessary if not already done urge govts deny overflight or landing requests, maximum postpone action indefinitely, or as minimum subject aircraft/harassment tactics. Among available delay and harassing tactics are (1) requirement aircraft land under Article 5 Chicago Convention (on assumption flights non-scheduled) and be submitted search under Articles 16 and 35 (2) lack acceptable airworthiness documents (3) questioning ownership and effective control of aircraft of basis USSR probably providing crews, insurance,

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fuel, etc. (4) posing endless questions on purpose flights, cargo or passengers carried, etc.

Embassy Reykjavik should additionally urge Icelandic Government, if it will not deny landing permission altogether, to approve landing only at Reykjavik airport, not repeat not Keflavik.

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